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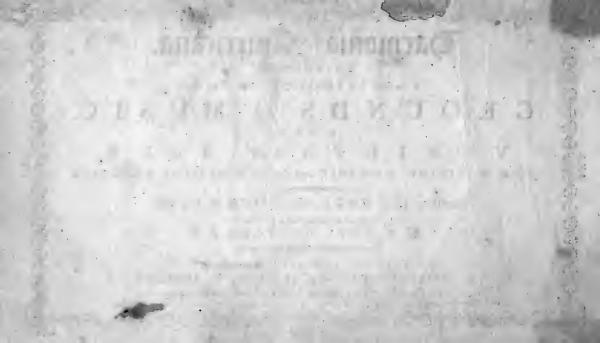
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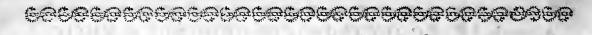
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THE advantages for studying the principles of harmony being, in this country, so limited, it cannot be expected that a composition of this nature can stand the test of criticism. This circumstance considered, it is hoped that candid allowances will be made in the perusal of the sollowing sheets, which are respectfully submitted to the public eye.

With respect to the design of the composition, it may be observed, that it is adapted, as far as possible, to the rules of pronunciation. Consequently, the music requires a moderate movement; for it is very difficult to follow the exact motion of the pendulum, and pronounce with that propriety and elegance, which the importance of the subject may demand. It may then be proper here to remark, that sentiment and expression ought to be the principal guide in vocal music.

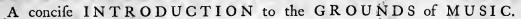
Perhaps some may be disappointed, that fuging pieces are in general omitted. But the principal reason why sew were inserted was the tristing effect produced by that sort of music; for the parts, falling in, one after another, each conveying a different idea, confound the sense, and render the performance a mere jargen of words. The numerous pieces of this kind, extant, must be a sufficient apology for omitting them here.

Subscribers are most respectfully thanked for their encouragement of the work: And they are assured that great attention has been paid to render it correct. Such errors as escaped notice, while the work was in the press, are pointed out in the Errata.

Should what is now offered, meet acceptance, additions will hereafter be made of congregational and occasional pieces, with some bints upon expression.

To become in some degree useful to the community was the motive for this publication; which, it is earnestly wished, may answer the end defigued.

January, 1791.



USIC consists in a succession of pleasing sounds, and is naturally divided into Melody and Harmony. Melody is a series of single sounds. Harmony is the pleasing union of two or more single sounds. Modulation is the art of changing the key or mode, in which a piece of music is composed. So long as we preserve the fundamental harmony, without departing from the degrees of the octave, the key is still the same; but when we make a cadence in any new key, some one of the degrees must be changed from natural to sharp or stat. The principal distinctions of musical sounds are time and tune; to the combination of these two qualities is chiefly to be associated the pleasing and endless variety of the musical art.

## Of the general S C A L E of M U S I.C.

THE notes of the scale are seven, distinguished in a certain order by the first seven letters of the alphabet, A, B, C, D, E, F, G; and when we have ascended to the eighth note, the same order is repeated.

Three octaves being feldom within the compass of the human voice, the bass staff is therefore assigned to the gravest voices of men, the tenor staff to the highest of men's voices, the counter staff to boys voices, or the lowest voices of women, and the treble staff to the highest voices of women.

GENERAL SCALE.

Tre. Staff. Ten. Staff. Te

A Cliff is a character placed at the beginning of a staff, showing what sound of the general scale it represents.

This character, 2, called the F cliff, is used only in the bass. It has the seventh degree of found in the general scale.

This character, the called the C cliff, is commonly used in the counter. It has the eleventh degree of sound in the general scale.

This character, called the G cliff, is used in tenor and treble, and sometimes in counter. It has the fifteenth degree of sound in the general scale, in a woman's voice, but in a man's voice, it has the eighth degree of sound. This character, gs, is frequently used instead of the above, and has the same name.

### The general SCALE divided.



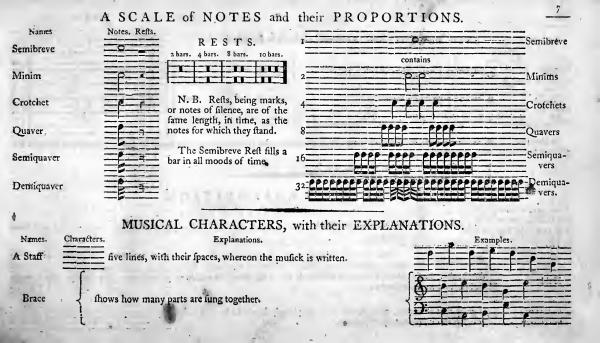
In the above division, the figures, on the right hand of each, discover the corresponding sounds of the general Scale, and likewise the pitch of the several parts together.

#### TABLE of TRANSPOSITION.

The natural place for mi is in
But if B be flat, mi is in
If B and E be flat, mi is in
If B E and A be flat, mi is in
If B E And A be flat, mi is in
If B E A D and G be flat, mi is in
If F be flat, mi is in
If F and C be flatp, mi is in
If F C and G be flatp, mi is in
If F C G and D be flatp, mi is in
If F C G D and A be flatp, mi in

Above mi, are faw, fol, law, faw, fol, law; and below mi, law, fol, faw, law, fol, faw, and then comes mi.

Observe that from B to C, and from E to F, ascending or descending, are semitones. The rest are whole tones. But, if the mi be transposed to any other letter, between mi and faw, and law and faw, the distance is but a semitone, ascending or descending. The rest are whole tones, as before.



Names. Characters.

Explanations.

Ledger Line - is added, when notes ascend, or descend, a line beyond the staff.

Flat

b, fet before a note, finks it half a tone.

Sharp

\* raifes a note half a tone.

GT Each of these b \*, set at the beginning of a tune, has influence through the tune, unless contradicted by a natural 4.

Natural

4 reduces a note, made flat or sharp, to its primitive found.

Repeat

or :S: shows what part of the tune is to be sung over again, from any note, against which it is placed.

Figures

fhow that the note under figure I is fung before the repeat; and the I.2. note under figure 2, after passing that under figure I; if tied together by a slur, both are sung after the repeat.

Slur

is drawn over, or under so many notes as are sung to one syllable.

Hold -

directs that the found of the note, over which it is placed, should be contin-

Marks of diffinction

fignify that the notes, over which they are placed, should be sung as diftinelly and emphatically as possible. Examples.



Names. Characters.

Direct w is fet at the end of a flaff, to direct the performer to the first note in the next staff.

Figure 3 fet over, or under any three notes, denotes that they are sung in the time of two notes of the same kind.

Point of Addition adds to the sound of a note; e.g. when set to a semibreve, it makes it equal to three minims, &c.

Single bar divides the time agreeably to the measure note.

Double hows the end of a strain.

Close I shows the end of a tune.

Trill, or tr Shake is used as a grace, and may be either open, or close. e. g. if the note, next above the note to be shaken, (whence the shake is always begun) be a whole tone, it is an open shake; but, if it be but a semitone distant, it is a close shake.

Apoggiatura, or f are notes to lean on, in passing intervals, and must be dwelt upon; according leaning to the value or length of the note.



Names, Characters.

Extlanations.

Legature, 5 comprehends two, or more notes of any kind, being on the same line, or or tye. 1 fpace, with a flur over them, which must be sung, as one continued sound.

Choosing are notes placed notes are may be sung.

are notes pleced in a direct line over each other, either of which, or both, may be fung.



# Of the KEYS, and TRANSPOSITION.

HERE are but two natural keys in music, viz. C the Major or sharp, and A the Minor or shat key. No tune can be formed on any other key, without placing either flats or sharps at the beginning of the staff, which brings them to the same effect, as the two natural keys. A key note is the last note in the bass, and contains the air of the tune, being the foundation of all the other parts.

The two Natura! Keys.



The first is called A, the natural Minor key, having the less 3d, 6th and 7th above its key note.

The second is called C, the natural Major key, having the greater 3d, 6th and 7th above its key note, being half a tone sharper in its first third.

#### Of TRANSPOSITION of KEYS.

THE first thing to be considered in transposition is the mi, which is the master, or leading note, guiding all the rest, both above and below.

#### TABLES of TRANSPOSITION.

The *mi* transposed by flats in the three cliffs.

A flat removes the *mi* a fourth above, or a fifth below the place where it was place. The *mi* flands on the fame letter with the flarp last added.

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To familiarize the preceding examples, observe either the figures placed above, or the letters, which are fet under the flaves,

RANSITION is fliding gracefully from one note to another. But fingers ought to be exceedingly careful in performing this grace, that they do not introduce difcords, where none were defigned, which may injure the composition. It had better be omitted, than indifferently performed.

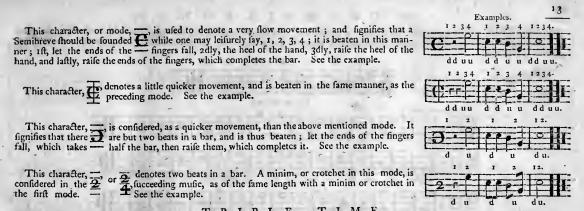




Of T I M E.

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THERE are three divisions of time, viz. common, triple, and compound; which are distinguished by certain characters, marks, or modes.



Is measured by odd numbers, as 3, 6, 9, &c; each bar including the quantity of three minims, three crotchets, or three quavers; two of which must be fung with the hand falling, and the other with it rifing, thus; 1st, let the ends of the fingers fall, 2dly, the heel of the

hand, 3dly, raise the ends of the fingers, which finishes the bar. This division of time is distinguished by these marks, or modes,

The first mode of triple time, 3, is called three to two, which includes either a pointed semibreve, a minim and a femibreve, or 2 three minims, &c. in each bar. See the example.



The fecond, 3, is called three from four, including either a pointed minim, a crotchet and 4 a minim, or three crotchets, &c. in each bar. See the example.

The third mode, 3, is called three from eight, containing in each bar, either a pointed crotch et, a quaver and a crotchet, or three quavers, &c. See the example.

d d u dd u dd u dd u.

3 123.

1 2 3 123.

3 12 3 123.

3 12 3 123.

4 d u dd u dd u.

composition to be of the measure of such like notes, as

Examples.

Observe that the lower figures, 2, 4 and 8, in the three last modes, denote the composition to be of the measure of such like notes, as will make one bar in common time.

COMPOUND

Has but four modes at present in use.

The first,  $\overline{A}$ , called fix to four, contains either two pointed minims, or fix crotches in a  $\overline{A}$  bar. See the example.

The second, called fix from eight, includes either two pointed crotchets, or fix quavers in a bar. See the example.

The third, 55, called twelve to four, contains either four pointed minime, or twelve 2 crotchets in a bar. See the example.

The fourth, 5, called twelve to eight, includes either four pointed crotchets, or twelve qua vers in each bar. See the example.

Examples.

N. B. The two first modes are two beats in each bar, three crutchets, or three quavers down, and three up. The two last are four beats in each bar, fix crotchets, or fix quavers down, and fix up.

The preceding are all the modes at prefent in use. The proportion between the several modes is omitted; directive terms being now

generally used to regulate the performance.

Accent is a certain force of voice upon particular parts of a bar, which must coincide with emphatical words. In common time, where there are four beats in a bar, the accented are the first and third parts of the bar; where there are but two beats, it generally falls upon the first part of the bar. In triple time, the accent, commonly, falls upon the first part of the bar.

Observe that, in all modes of time, the hand must fall at the beginning, and rife at the close of each bar.

### **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*** GENERAL

ET every perfor take the part, to which his voice is best adapted. For, if one sings tenor whose organs are formed for the bass, he will hang as a weight upon others, which will fink the tune from its original pitch.

The mouth ought to be opened to as to give the voice free paffage. By neglecting this, a good voice will be spolled, and a bad one made worfe.

Singing through the noic has a most disagreeable effect upon the hearer. No one would commit this lault a second time, were he made sensible of his error, Many lingers conceive that they fing well, when they exert the whole strength of the voice. This precludes all delicacy of taste and expression; and renders the performance at best but a dissonant bawling. By singing within the natural compass of the voice, we retain the power of swelling occasionally and of piving force to particular paffages;

Pronouncing diffinitly, and with propriety, is one of the most effential considerations in singing. Great attention, therefore, ought to be paid to emphasis;

for without it the ideas will be obscure; and the design of the music lost.

Words beginning with a vowel ought not to be pronounced, as if they began with a confonant. This is a very common fault; and is occasioned by flutting, inflead of opening the mouth, previously to the pronouncing of vowel founds.

The finger should pay all pussible attention to what he is performing. For, if the heaver have reason to suspect the suggest to be heedless of the subject,

in which he pretends to be engaged, he will be difgufted both with him and his performance.

To fing without affectation of any kind, to full naturally into the passion of the fong, and to execute it teelingly, without any efforts, but such as are proper to the passion, cannot fail of being agreeable to the hearer.

Care should be taken that every note be sounded; for by omitting the found of one, we may perhaps lose the force of several succeeding notes,

After the true found of each note is learnt, graces, &c. may claim attention.

A profound filence ought to be observed, wherever it is intended by the compositif, that the composition be not injured; which will be the confequence of introducing founds where none were deligned.

Attention flould be paid to all the terms, which are placed over the mufic to direct the performance; as they greatly affift expression; and will have a Surprising effect, if conducted with judgment. Yet they are feldom observed; or if they be, it is in so negligent a manner, as to produce little, or no effect upon the hearer.

Great care should be taken in the performance, that the inner parts may not predominate, but be subservient to the principal part.

To perform acceptably, it is highly necessary that the subject, in the first place, be thoroughly understood; then reveated agreeably to the best roles of pronunciation. Afterward, the notes are to be applied; and a particular attention paid to emphatical words. In some places, the time ought to wait for express fion. In others, the movement should be quickened. There should likewife be a cellation of found between, and frequently in the middle of many fentences, especially those, which are important, sublime and expressive, that the mind may have the power, in some degree, of realizing the idea. The Pians and Forte should also be strictly regarded. The performance being thus regulated, the whole force of the sentiments will be impressed upon the mind. We may then enter into the spirit, and justice may be done to every part of the composition.

Hence the necessity of an instructor's being master, not only of founds, but of language and pronunciation. In both reading and speaking, the propriety,

moderation, and rapidity of pronunciation, depend upon the judgment of the person employed in either.

The expressing of sentiments through the medium of harmony, must in the same manner depend upon the judgment of the performer. Therefore, every, infiructor should endeavour to affift the judgment of his pupils, by explaining the nature and defign of music, as adapted to particular sentiments or palfions, that their performances may be executed in a manner adequate to the particularity of the fubject.

Above all, let a fuitable attention be paid to the important truths uttered in finging, that the great judge of quick and dead may be praifed with reverence.

and folemnity.

#### ARTICULAR REM

In tunes of three parts, and in those, which have a double bass, in the following work, the upper is considered as the tenor, or leading part; and the treble, or second part, is placed between that and the bass. In tunes of four parts, the order is this, 1st. the bass, 2d. the tenor, 3d. the counter, and 4th the treble.

Wherever choosing notes occur, in any part, it may be proper to divide the voices, that one division of them may perform the upper, and the other the

lower feries of notes, which will increase the harmony. The pitch of a tune ought not to be taken from the tenor, but from the key note in the bass, the tone of which note determines the air of the composition.

#### ERRATA.

20 Fieft treble fteff, nich bar, under a crotthet upon C, infort a crotchet upon G, 2d line. |

2) First bats faff, 12th bar, infert a point after the crotchet.

26 2d. treble fieff, 3d bar, for a quaver on E, 4th fpace, infert a quaver on A, 2d fpace.

27 First tennr it iff, 8th bar, after the crotchet, infert a point.

31 For " he paft," read " be paft." 36 First bals feaft, ift bar, for the ift minim on D, middle line, infert a minim on C,2d fpage.

39 For " care," read " lear."

43 After the three last crotchets in the three last staves, insert points.

46 In the last treble and bass staves, after the last crutchet in the 6th bar of each, insert

56 The last bass staff, 4th bar, for a quaver on D, above the ledger line, infert a semiquaver, and a point between that and the preceding quaver. 62. For " feed of," read " feed on."

66 Laft bals ftaff, 7th bar, for the 3d quaver on G, 4th space, infert a quaver with a xe, libid. For " away" read " a toy." on F, 4th line.

68 First tenor faff, 7th bar, for a crotcheton D, 4th line; insert a crotchet on C, 3d space:

80 Firft bals ftaff, laft bar, for a minim on D, middle line, infert a femibreve. 83 First tenor staff, 5th bar, for a minim on D, 4th line, infart a semibreve.

ibid. Second tenor flaff, 5th bar, for a crotchet on E, 4th space, insert a crotchet on D, 4th

go Second tenor fraff, at bar, for a quaver on C, 3d space, infert a crotchet, and erafe the

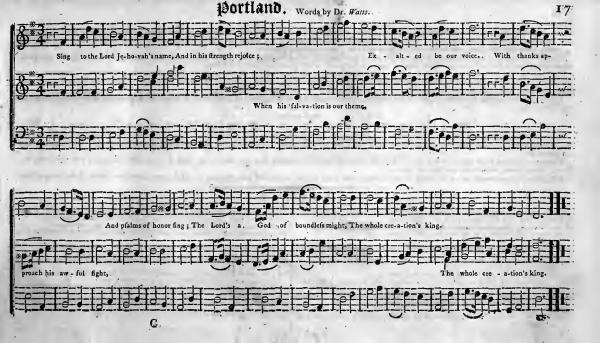
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111 Firft tenor ftaff, ift bar, iniert a crotchet on G, 2d line, a 3d above a crotchet on E. ift line.

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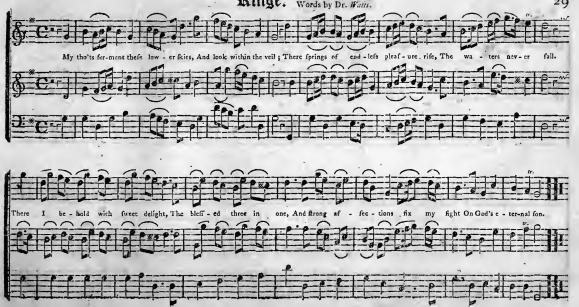


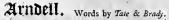


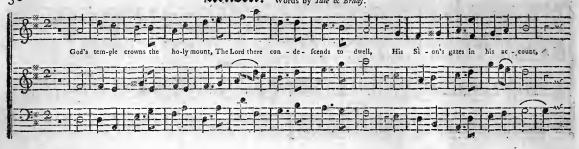




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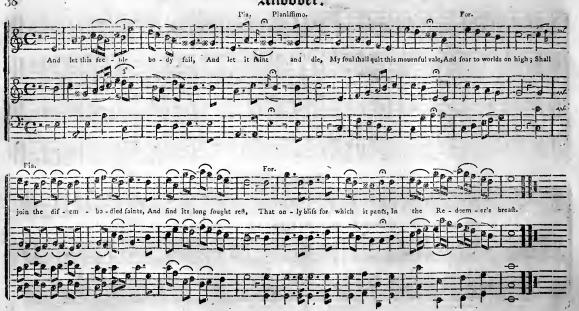






























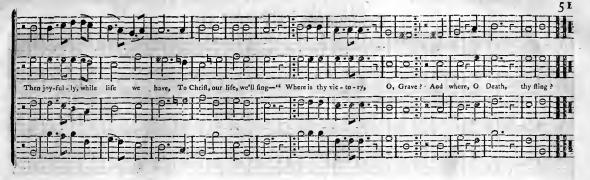












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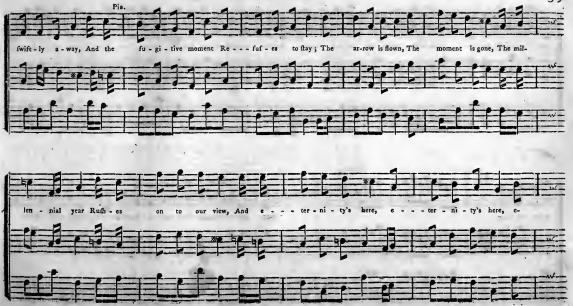




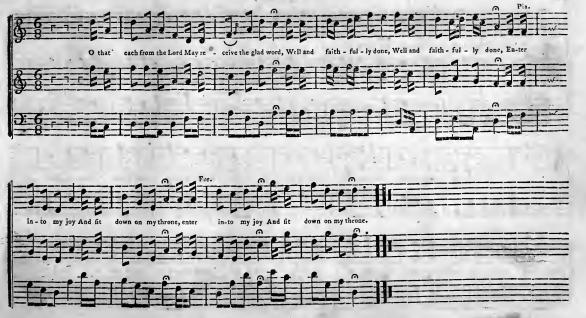




































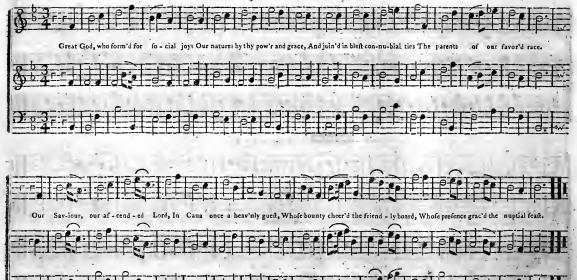








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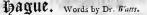


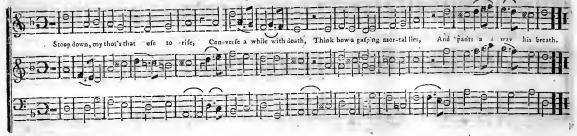












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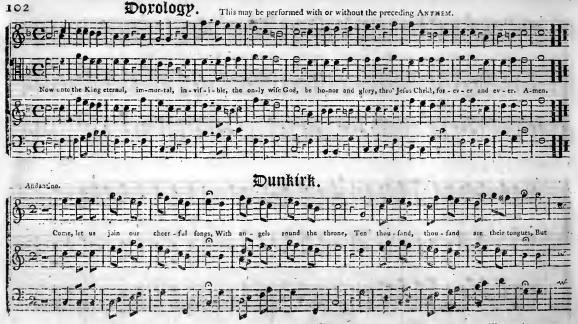




























































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